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PRESS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting – Update #1

DATE: October 15, 2021

LOCATION: Milpitas Square Shopping Center / 400-block of Barber Lane

SUSPECT: Michael Edward Nelson Jr., 42-years old, Healdsburg resident

On October 15, 2021 at 3:41 P.M., Milpitas Police Detectives initiated an enforcement stop of a stolen vehicle that had been reported stolen to the San Jose Police Department on October 11, 2021. The suspect was the sole occupant of the vehicle which was parked in the Milpitas Square Shopping Center. The suspect initially exited the driver's seat, looked at officers, and reentered the vehicle. He then began shooting at the Detectives. Detectives returned fire resulting in a prolonged exchange of gunfire. The suspect sustained injuries and was transported by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment.

The suspect did not have identification with him and was later identified via fingerprints as Michael Edward Nelson Jr. Nelson was on active California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for identity theft against multiple victims.

On October 19, 2021, Michael Nelson succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at a local hospital.

Had Michael Nelson survived his injuries, he would have been charged with five counts of attempted homicide on a Police Officer, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of an unregistered firearm, possession of high-capacity magazines, carrying a concealed firearm, violation of Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), and possession of a stolen vehicle.

The Milpitas Police Department is continuing to interview witnesses, examine physical evidence, and review video footage related to the officer involved shooting.

We anticipate releasing additional details, including body worn camera footage, regarding the investigation in the future.

People with information relevant to the case can contact the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. You can also provide information anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500 or at <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/crimetip>.

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